

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### MEMORIAL TO DONALD HECKARD

#### HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 2013

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I come to the House floor today with a heavy heart; yet, also with personal pride to pay tribute to a great American, Hoosier, mentor, and friend to many: Donald H. Heckard. Don was born on June 19, 1924, in Cass County, Indiana, and he passed away March 1, 2013.

Countless Hoosier friends marked the passing of an iconic figure who cast a significant influence over Indiana politics and vocational education for nearly a half century. For many of the current generation, Don Heckard was the archetypal Hoosier Republican. Conservative in matters of personal and public finance, Don's key to success was his ability to assess an issue, make good decisions, and apply hard work and dedication to the task at hand. Don spent his entire life as a steward of the land in Noble Township, Cass County and was proud to be called a farmer. He was also the owner operator of Logan City Ice Company for thirty three years. To all those who bought ice bags in central Indiana on a hot summer day, Don was known as "Logan Ice."

With strong beliefs in his community and love of family, Don actively served his church in Logansport, Indiana, as a deacon, trustee, elder and Sunday school teacher. Don was appointed by then Governor Otis Bowen as a State Director and Chairman of the Board of the Ivy Tech Community College. Don presided over a period of dramatic growth and development of the regional campus program.

Gerald Gerry Lamkin, President of Ivy Tech Community College, 1983–2007, in his book, "Building Indiana's Community College: My 40-Year Journey," paid tribute to Don Heckard as follows:

I've written much about Don Heckard of Logansport. Of many exceptional members of the State Board of Trustees, none was better than Heckard. I'm not sure what made him so effective? Perhaps it was that he was a farmer, businessman and politician and good at all of them. (As a district party chair, he sat on the Republican state committee. Political people from across Indiana and the nation sought his advice and still do.) A thoughtful man, he's loyal to friends and associates. He sizes up situations well, consistently makes good decisions, possesses excellent judgment and is unflappable. He doesn't argue for perfection, but does expect effort and effectiveness. These qualities made him an extraordinary trustee.

Don had a deep love for his country and expressed his patriotism by his active involvement in politics. He served as a County Councilman for eleven years, and beginning in the 1970s, as Cass County Republican Chairman, Second and Fifth Congressional District Chairman during the governorships of Otis Bowen and Robert Orr, contributing significantly to their election and to Republican control of the legislature during the period. Don served as a

committed Ford delegate to the GOP National Convention that nominated Gerald Ford for the presidency in 1976, and subsequently served as State Chairman of Farmers for Ford. As a Congressional District chairman, Don served on the Republican State Committee and was a delegate to thirteen Indiana Republican State Conventions. Don was also a mentor and personal advisor to Congressman Steve Buyer for 18 years.

Indiana has a special way to recognize one of the state's favorite sons and daughters by awarding the Sagamore of the Wabash as Indiana's highest citizen award. Don was twice an honoree named Sagamore of the Wabash, once by Governor Otis Bowen and the other by Governor Robert Orr.

Don was a noble businessman, civic and political leader, and devoted family man from what American history has crowned the greatest generation. His principles, work ethic, virtues, and values have left positive impressions to the betterment of others in a manner in which the name of Donald H. Heckard will be forever etched in our National Book of Remembrance.

### HONORING THE 192ND ANNIVERSARY OF GREEK INDEPENDENCE

#### HON. MICHAEL G. GRIMM

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 2013

Mr. GRIMM. Mr. Speaker, today I stand with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle in honoring a joyous day for our proud constituents of Greek and Cypriot descent. As an enthusiastic member of the Congressional Hellenic Caucus, I am truly honored to commemorate the 192nd Anniversary of Greek Independence and celebrate the ties that connect our two great democracies in strength and fellowship.

In reflecting on Greece and America's longstanding tradition as friends and allies, we also honor the accomplishments of countless Greek and Cypriot Americans, many of which first immigrated to our country and grew their livelihoods in New York City, a longstanding bastion America's magnificent diversity. I represent the 11th Congressional District of New York and am proud to serve a large and thriving Greek and Cypriot American community. The remarkable cultural festivals thrown by the Holy Cross Orthodox Church in Bay Ridge, or the Holy Trinity/St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Churches on the West Shore of Staten Island are beloved neighborhood celebrations that are looked forward to by residents of all backgrounds every year. The countless businesses, services, and entrepreneurial endeavors provided by Greek and Cypriot Americans in Staten Island and Brooklyn attest to the strength of, and support for, this thriving community.

Greek Independence Day is an ideal moment for all Americans to contemplate the

roots of our own democratic tradition. It is important to remember that when the Founding Fathers set out to structure our young republic on firm footing, many of the laws and principles were based on the ancient political philosophy of the Greeks. Appreciating the very architecture of the United States Capitol, our Temple of Freedom, or reading through the Constitution reveals the profound impact the culture and history of Greece has had on our modern customs and institutions.

It is with great pride that I rise today to honor the independence of a nation that, for centuries, has championed the very rights it has had the distinct honor and privilege of nurturing into existence: those of liberty and participation in the democratic process. I have come to know first-hand the vibrant cultural heritage Greek and Cypriot Americans offer to local communities in Staten Island and Brooklyn, and I have every confidence that the common bonds between the United States, Cyprus, and Greece shall live on for generations to come.

### CHRISTINE COOPER

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Christine Cooper for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Christine Cooper is an 8th grader at Mandalay Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Christine Cooper is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Christine Cooper for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 2013

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, on roll-call No. 75, final passage of the SKILLS Act on March 15, 2013, it was my intention to vote in support of final passage. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

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HONORING VU QUANG NINH

**HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 20, 2013*

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, this past weekend, I heard of the passing of my late friend, Mr. Vu Quang Ninh, founder of Little Saigon Radio and a media trailblazer in the Vietnamese American community. Mr. Ninh passed away peacefully in Orange County at age 82.

Mr. Ninh lived a very prosperous and productive life, dedicated to public service. His career spanned more than half a century in both Vietnam and the United States. Mr. Ninh grew up in turbulent times during the Vietnam War. He was called on by Prime Minister Ngo Dinh Diem of Vietnam to take charge of Armed Forces Radio right after his graduation from the Army Academy. Mr. Ninh later served as the head of the youth department in Central Vietnam and produced many radio programs, collaborating by the United States and the Republic of South Vietnam government.

After the fall of Vietnam, Mr. Ninh resettled in California but the dream of becoming a radio man never left him. In 1980, he established Radio Tieng Vong Que Huong (Echo of the Motherland), which lasted for 3 years. Mr. Ninh paved the way for the Vietnamese-Americans in the world of radio broadcast when he established Little Saigon Radio. He turned the station into a strong and constructive voice for the community. Today, my thoughts are with his family, friends and the Little Saigon Radio family. His loss will be remembered and felt by all those who were inspired by his legacy.

DARLENE TAPIA

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 20, 2013*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Darlene Tapia for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Darlene Tapia is a 12th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Darlene Tapia is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Darlene Tapia for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

RED CROSS MONTH

**HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 20, 2013*

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, since 1943, every President has declared March as "Red Cross Month." This year is no exception. As the Chairman of the House Committee on Homeland Security Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications, I recently was able to visit the National Red Cross, along with the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee—Mr. PAYNE, Jr. from New Jersey, to learn about their operations and show our support. During the visit, we learned that each year the Red Cross responds to about 70,000 natural and man-made disasters, ranging from small incidents, like house fires, to large-scale disasters like Hurricane Sandy and the 2010 earthquake in Haiti. Additionally, the Red Cross, through numerous blood drives, provides approximately 40 percent of the Nation's blood supply.

The visit also provided us with the opportunity to tour the Digital Operations Center. The Digital Operations Center is the first social media-monitoring platform dedicated to humanitarian relief. The Digital Operations Center equips the Red Cross to better share safety and preparedness tips during natural disasters and aims to empower communities suffering during disasters to use social tools to seek help. After visiting the Digital Operations Center, I was very impressed with how the Red Cross has begun to leverage social media and uses smartphone apps to keep citizens informed before, during, and after disasters.

I am personally thankful for the Greater Indianapolis Red Cross chapter and its volunteers. This chapter has truly embraced the Red Cross ethos of turning "compassion into action." Just last year, volunteer Disaster Action Teams responded to more than 500 house fires and assisted over 700 families in recovering from emergencies and disasters. Additionally, more than 30 volunteers from East and Central Indiana were an integral part of the Red Cross' relief operations after deadly tornadoes struck Southern Indiana in March of last year. These examples highlight just a few of the capabilities a typical local Red Cross chapter can offer.

In the upcoming weeks, when you are back in your Congressional District, please take a moment to thank your local Red Cross for all the work they do. The Red Cross is vital to our Nation's ability to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters, regardless of the size, and they deserve our appreciation.

**SHIPYARD LAYS KEEL OF THE JOHN WARNER SUBMARINE****HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 20, 2013*

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce that former Virginia Senator and Secretary of the Navy John Warner was honored last Saturday at a keel laying ceremony

at Newport News Shipbuilding, a subsidiary of Huntington Ingalls Industries. This is a special occasion for the Navy and the Commonwealth of Virginia as the *John Warner* SSN 785, a 377-foot nuclear-powered submarine, is the first *Virginia*-class fast attack submarine to be named after a person. The submarine's apt namesake shows John Warner's dedication to the service of our country. Construction of the 12th *Virginia*-class submarine began in 2009 and it is scheduled to be delivered to the Navy in 2015. I am pleased to have served with John Warner in Congress and submit a Daily Press accounting of the ceremony.

[From the Daily Press, Mar. 17, 2013]

**SHIPYARD LAYS KEEL OF THE JOHN WARNER SUBMARINE**

(By Michael Welles Shapiro)

On Saturday the former lawmaker whose fingerprints are all over Newport News Shipbuilding's involvement in the construction of *Virginia*-class nuclear submarines watched as his initials were welded onto a piece of the shipyard's latest boat.

In a rarity in military shipbuilding, the shipyard laid the keel of a fast-attack submarine with its namesake, former senator and Secretary of the Navy John Warner, in attendance.

The boat is the 12th in the *Virginia*-class program and it is scheduled for delivery to the Navy in 2015. The shipyard, a unit of Huntington Ingalls Industries, builds the boats in partnership with General Dynamics Electric Boat in Groton, Conn., a unique arrangement that Warner is credited with helping to start.

Shipyard president Matt Mulherin said naming the latest submarine for Warner is fitting because "he led the efforts to create this teaming agreement between Newport News Shipbuilding and Electric Boat to cooperatively build these submarines."

Navy leaders also spoke glowingly of the joint construction program. Adm. John Richardson, the director of the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program, said, "the on-time, on-cost, on-quality implementation of this program is well-known."

Warner also received accolades from lawmakers in attendance.

Sen. Mark Warner, who is no relation, said he admired the former senator for being a politician who was willing to set aside politics when push came to shove.

Mark Warner, a Democrat, said that when he was governor, John Warner, a Republican, spoke out in support of a Mark Warner budget bill that had stalled during a partisan tug of war.

"We could use a lot more John Warners in the United States Congress at this point," he said.

John Warner's wife, Jeanne, is the submarine's sponsor.

To close the ceremony the couple chalked their initials on a steel plate before shipyard worker Matthew Shilling welded the letters onto the metal.

Shilling, 27, said after the ceremony that he'd been practicing welding block letters during the week leading up to the keel laying.

But Warner threw the shipbuilder a curve when he wrote his "J" in cursive with a flourish. "I was nervous," Shilling said, saying he's more accustomed to working in a loud construction environment.

Warner also improvised a bit as the ceremony wrapped up.

The Navy and Marine Corps veteran made an unexpected gesture to show that the submarine represents not just him but an entire generation that served in World War II.

He asked the sub's prospective commanding officer, Cmdr. Dan Caldwell, to

have a small pin that he and others who served received at the end of the war kept onboard the submarine near the steel plate.

#### WHAT'S IN A NAME?

From 1903 to the late 1960s, attack submarines like the Warner were given the names of fish and creatures of the deep—the Seawolf, the Sturgeon and the Whale, for instance.

In his speech, Warner attributed a change in that convention to former Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird.

Warner said he and Adm. Hyman Rickover—the famed admiral who pushed Congress to buy nuclear-powered ships—were called in to meet with Laird and the secretary brought up the topic of ship names.

Laird told the two men, “fish don’t appropriate, and fish don’t vote, so stop calling them fish,” according to Warner.

Since 1973 the country’s two large classes of attack submarines have been named for cities and states. The two exceptions to those traditions are a boat that was named for Rickover and built in the 1980s and the Warner.

Military ships of any sort are seldom named for living people.

Starting in the 1970s about three ships a decade have been named for people who are living at the time of the announcement, according to a July 2012 Navy report to Congress on naming conventions.

The list includes four presidents, former Arizona Rep. Gabby Giffords, astronaut and former senator John Glenn and comedian Bob Hope, who was famous for his numerous United Service Organizations shows to entertain military personnel.

“(W)hile naming ships after living persons remains a relatively rare occurrence . . . it is now an accepted but sparingly used practice for pragmatic (Navy) secretaries of both parties,” the report says.

“(O)ccasionally honoring an especially deserving member of Congress, U.S. naval leader or famous American with a ship name so that they might end their days on earth knowing that their life’s work is both recognized and honored by America’s Navy-Marine Corps Team, and that their spirit will accompany and inspire the team in battle, is sometimes exactly the right thing to do.”

Asked how he felt about having a submarine named for him, Warner said, “I’m not too much of a philosopher,” but “I’m humbled.”

#### DEVON FOX

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Devon Fox for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Devon Fox is an 11th grader at IB Program at Lakewood High and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Devon Fox is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Devon Fox for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

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#### HONORING EAST CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

#### HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 2013

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of my constituents at East Central High School in Dearborn County, Indiana.

The Business Professionals of America chapter at East Central High School recently competed in the 2013 State Leadership Conference held in Indianapolis. Students participated and placed in the Broadcast Production, Global Marketing, Financial Math and Analysis, Entrepreneurship, Fundamentals of Word Processing, and Advanced Accounting competitions.

Business Professionals of America competitions are a great way for students to develop leadership and technology skills that are most needed for today’s competitive workforce and economy.

I want to congratulate the team and those students who participated in the state contest: Brittany Begley, Lucas Gramman, Jake Griffin, Jesse Hamilton, Danielle McClure, Hannah Patton, Tyler Seiwert, Payton Stonefield, and A.J. Waltz. I also want to recognize the faculty sponsors, Kelly Pettit and Tina Waechter, for their leadership in these students’ lives. In addition, Jake and Danielle qualified for the National Competition and will be representing the state in May.

I ask the entire 6th Congressional District to join me in congratulating the East Central High School Business Professionals of America team for their hard work and in wishing them continued success in competition.

#### NEWBORN SCREENING SAVES LIVES ACT

#### HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 2013

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to join with my friend and colleague from California, Congresswoman ROYBAL-ALLARD, to introduce the Newborn Screening Saves Lives Reauthorization Act of 2013. This legislation would reauthorize critical federal programs that assist states in improving and expanding their newborn screening programs, supporting parent and provider newborn screening education, and ensuring laboratory quality and surveillance.

Over 4 million babies will be born across the United States this year, and each and every one will be touched by newborn screening. Most screenings are done using a simple “heel stick” blood sample collected before the newborn leaves the hospital. These screenings test for serious genetic, metabolic or hearing disorders that may not be apparent at birth.

Approximately 1 in every 300 newborns in the United States has a condition that can be

detected through screening. If left untreated, these conditions can cause serious illness, lifetime disabilities and even death. Without early interventions, these infants and their families suffer enormous emotional and economic burdens. Imagine the burden of knowing that your child died or is suffering from a disease that could have been prevented if identified through newborn screening. No baby should suffer or die if a screening test can prevent it.

Newborn screening not only saves lives but, it also saves money. As a former dentist, I know well the importance of diagnosing and treating a condition early in a child’s life. According to a 2012 study on severe combined immunodeficiency (SCID)—one of the 31 core, treatable conditions recommended for state newborn screening programs—the Medicaid cost of treating a baby with SCID in the first two years of life can cost more than \$2 million dollars. Yet, an infant diagnosed early can be cured through a simple bone marrow transplant—costing just \$100,000 if performed in the first three months of life.

In 2008, Congresswoman ROYBAL-ALLARD and I introduced the original Newborn Screening Saves Lives Act (P.L. 110–204), which encouraged states to uniformly test for a recommended set of disorders and provided resources for states to expand and improve their newborn screening programs. Prior to passage, the number and quality of newborn screening tests varied greatly from state to state. In 2007, only 10 states and the District of Columbia required infants to be screened for all of the “core conditions” recommended by the Secretary’s Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children. Today, 44 states and the District of Columbia require screening for at least 29 of the 31 treatable core conditions.

The Newborn Screenings Saves Lives Reauthorization Act builds upon the foundation laid by the original legislation and will ensure that infants continue to receive comprehensive and effective screenings. The legislation reauthorizes programs at the Health Resources and Services Administration to assist states’ efforts to improve their screening programs, educate parents and health care providers, and improve follow-up care for infants with conditions detected through newborn screening. The legislation also renews the Secretary’s Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children, which maintains and updates the Recommended Uniform Screening Panel that states use to adopt and implement new conditions. Improvement of data quality is also needed to track the clinical outcomes of children more effectively and to refine protocols for short-term and long-term follow-up of children with conditions identified through newborn screening. That is why the Reauthorization Act establishes a grant program within the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to assist states in developing follow-up and tracking programs.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join with me in supporting this critical legislation—because no baby should die or suffer the devastating health consequences of a condition that could have been treated or prevented if identified through newborn screening.

DOMONICK GUIGON

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 20, 2013*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Domonick Guigon for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Domonick Guigon is a 12th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Domonick Guigon is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Domonick Guigon for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HONORING MS. LANA FELTON-GHEE

**HON. ROBERT A. BRADY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 20, 2013*

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Lana Felton-Ghee, a constituent of Pennsylvania's 1st District, for her upcoming 66th birthday on April 8th.

Born, raised and educated in Philadelphia, Lana is well known for her successes in business and politics. Graduating from Temple University, Ms. Felton-Ghee led a longtime, high profile career in marketing and public relations. She established her own business in 1995, Lana Felton-Ghee Associates, Inc., and took on challenging projects in our area and throughout the country. Her expertise was recognized nationally, and she became a key consultant on campaigns for figures such as Mayor Ed Rendell and President Bill Clinton.

Throughout her busy and successful career, Ms. Felton-Ghee also made time for a fulfilling family life and is a proud mother of four and grandmother of ten.

I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues help me in honoring Ms. Felton-Ghee and her birthday. Ms. Felton-Ghee is the epitome of a life-long Philadelphian and a model citizen. We can all learn something from her fortitude and her commitment to her career, her city and her family. She has been known to say that "there is no place like Philadelphia," but Philadelphia would not be nearly as bright a place without her vibrant and dedicated personality.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ALAN GRAYSON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 20, 2013*

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 76—Approving the Journal, 77—H. Con. Res. 18, and 78—H. Con. Res. 19.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was absent because of a flight problem.

EDNA SOLIS

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 20, 2013*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Edna Solis for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Edna Solis is an 11th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Edna Solis is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Edna Solis for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

CONGRATULATING THE OHIO  
CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY MEN'S  
BASKETBALL TEAM**HON. STEVE STIVERS**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 20, 2013*

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Ohio Christian University men's basketball team on their first-ever National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) National Championship win.

Ending a perfect season, the OCU Trailblazers triumphed over the Arlington Baptist University Patriots with a score of 73-62. It was a very close game, and the Patriots had a one point lead by the end of the first half. However, the Trailblazers came back in the second half, limiting the Patriots to 24 points. The OCU defense shut down ABU in the final two minutes, leading the team to the championship title.

Again, I extend my congratulations to the Ohio Christian University men's basketball team on their perfect season and NCCAA title. I am proud of all the hard work and dedication that has led to the team's accomplishments.

These hardworking young men have brought pride to the people of Ohio's 15th Congressional District, and I commend them for this outstanding achievement.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ELMIRA  
COLLEGE WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY  
TEAM**HON. TOM REED**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 20, 2013*

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Elmira College women's ice hockey team, winner of the 2013 NCAA Division III National Championship. Led by the strong play of goaltender Taylor Steadman, who posted her 11th shutout of the year, the Soaring Eagles skated to a 1-0 victory over Middlebury College on March 16.

Under the leadership of head coach Dean Jackson, the Soaring Eagles finished the season with a remarkable 24-5-1 record. This marks the third time that Elmira College has captured the National Championship since its women's ice hockey program was established in 2002.

The unrivaled success of the Elmira College women's ice hockey team is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the players and coaches. The months of practice and training culminated in the highest level of success that an athletic team can achieve, being crowned as the national champions. This team is a source of pride in Elmira and across my entire district, and I am honored to recognize their great athletic accomplishment.

DAMON BOLTON

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 20, 2013*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Damon Bolton for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Damon Bolton is a 12th grader at Lakewood High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Damon Bolton is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Damon Bolton for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

DISMISSING THE ELECTION CONTEST RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE TWENTY EIGHTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS

SPEECH OF

**HON. ROBERT A. BRADY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 19, 2013*

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I agree with the majority that this election contest should be dismissed and that it stands before us without merit. The Contestant notified the House that he should be the winner of the election not based on the finding of any solid evidence but based on rumors, conjecture and hearsay.

Contestant also raises accusations of misconduct by law enforcement and election officials without proof. The Contestant does not support any of his arguments with specific creditable evidence. Based on this, I am voting to grant the Contestee relief by disposing of this contest.

My only regret is that the House was not able to dismiss this frivolous contest earlier in the 113th Congress.

INTRODUCTION OF THE LEAD HAZARD TITLE X AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2013

**HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 20, 2013*

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Lead Hazard Title X Amendments Act.

Although the prevalence of lead poisoning in children has dropped dramatically since the 1970s, the number of children suffering from lead poisoning remains unacceptably high. Over half a million children under the age of 6 in the United States, disproportionately from African-American or low-income communities, are suffering from elevated blood lead levels. There is no safe level of lead exposure for children, yet an estimated 37.1 million homes still have lead-based paint somewhere in the building.

Lead poisoning, which can occur at very low levels of exposure, causes brain damage in infants and toddlers, resulting in poor educational outcomes and widening the achievement gap. Lead poisoning robs children of IQ points, causes cognitive and behavioral issues, and a results in a lifetime of adverse health effects. Each year, lead poisoning costs the United States more than \$50 billion in lost productivity. Educating children suffering from lead poisoning costs public school system special education programs an extra \$38,000 per child every three years. When it costs less than that to eliminate lead from a home, it hardly makes sense that we permit any of our nation's children to be the victims of lead poisoning.

The bill I am introducing today, the Lead Hazard Title X Amendments Act, modernizes the Department for Housing and Urban Development's Lead Hazard Control Program. By making much needed updates to the program,

we can better protect our children and allow for more efficient lead eradication from homes.

This Act will allow families living in all housing, including efficiency apartments, to be eligible for Lead Hazard Control grants. It will broaden the categories of eligible grant recipients, it will allow non-profit agencies and tribal governments to apply for lead abatement funds, and it will simplify the grant application process by allowing Lead Hazard Control grantees to use eligibility information from other government programs to qualify for funds. Finally, this Act will enable grantees already receiving Lead Hazard Control funding to easily and efficiently tap other resources for additional Healthy Housing repairs, including addressing asthma, carbon monoxide, and other safety concerns.

We cannot afford for any of our children not to reach their full potential. I urge my colleagues to stand with me to protect all our nation's children from lead poisoning.

DAVID ROLAND

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 20, 2013*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud David Roland for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. David Roland is an 11th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by David Roland is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to David Roland for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING JAMES D. RUTH

**HON. DANA ROHRABACHER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 20, 2013*

Mr. ROHRABACHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the accomplishments of Mr. James D. Ruth upon his retirement from the Orange County Sanitation District and from over 50 years of public service. Jim was appointed Interim General Manager of the Orange County Sanitation District, OCSD, in December 2005 for what was supposed to be a six-month role. But instead of serving a short term, his steady management and skill in delivering public services resulted in his six-month assignment turning into a seven-year term of service.

Mr. Ruth stayed to steer OCSD through difficult times, accumulated a number of significant accomplishments, and gained national and international acclaim for the management

of the third largest wastewater treatment plant west of the Mississippi River. During his tenure, Jim Ruth streamlined the agency by eliminating waste and duplication and trimming costs without sacrificing service to the 2.5 million Orange County residents that rely on OCSD every day. He negotiated a two-tier pension system and was a leader in implementing reduced employee costs across the board.

Of special interest to me, Jim Ruth oversaw OCSD's participation in the completion of the Groundwater Replenishment System. He also presided over the dedication of OCSD's secondary treatment upgrade. Both of these projects provide for a reliable and safe clean water supply while protecting Orange County's beautiful beaches.

I applaud Jim's service to our community over the years, and most recently, his service to OCSD. While I wish Jim a long and happy retirement, he should know that his accomplishments throughout his career will not soon be forgotten.

HONORING RICHARD D. STEINBERG, CFA

**HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 20, 2013*

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Richard D. Steinberg, who recently received the Mitzvah Society Award from the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County. Rich is a respected financial advisor, dedicated community leader, and generous philanthropist who I am also proud to call my friend.

That Rich has received this prestigious award should be no surprise. Rich is known to his friends and colleagues as a compassionate leader who always puts the well-being of his family, clients, and community above all else. These qualities have contributed to his success as a Chartered Financial Analyst and as President and CIO of Steinberg Global Asset Management. In this role, Rich helps individuals, companies, philanthropists, donors and other clients manage their investments so that they can achieve their goals.

While Rich's professional life alone is worthy of admiration, it is his involvement in the South Florida community that truly sets him apart. A proud Jewish American, Rich's commitment to his community has led him to serve in many leadership roles for the Jewish Federation for South Palm Beach County and the Jacobsen Jewish Community Foundation. Rich serves on the Governance Committee for the Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) of the Jewish Federation for South Palm Beach County, and is Vice Chair and Investment Committee Chair of the Jewish Federation for South Palm Beach County's Foundation Executive Committee. He has also helped secure millions of dollars for local projects in South Florida while balancing these efforts as a devoted husband to a lovely wife and an energetic father who regularly volunteers at his children's schools.

Rich is a model citizen whose dedication to faith, family, friends, and clients has made an immeasurable impact on our community. It is truly an honor to recognize his contributions today.

DOMINIQUE BURKEY

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 20, 2013*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Dominique Burkey for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Dominique Burkey is an 8th grader at North Arvada Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Dominique Burkey is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Dominique Burkey for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JERROLD NADLER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 20, 2013*

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be in Washington, DC, on March 18–19, 2013. Had I been present, I would have voted “aye” on rollcall vote Nos. 77 and 78, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds; “no” on rollcall vote Nos. 79 and 80, ordering the previous question and the rule providing for consideration of the House Budget Resolution; and “no” on rollcall vote No. 82 relating to committee expenses for the 113th Congress.

CONGRATULATING MR. PATRICK LOGAN, RECIPIENT OF THE WALT DISNEY LEGACY AWARD

**HON. DANIEL WEBSTER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 20, 2013*

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to congratulate Mr. Patrick Logan on earning the Walt Disney Legacy Award. The Walt Disney Legacy Award is the most prestigious award given to Cast, Crew and Imagineers who exemplify all three of the Walt Disney Company values of Dream, Create and Inspire.

The Walt Disney Legacy Award is a global program that is generally limited to less than the top 1 percent of eligible Cast Members. To ensure that only the most deserving are awarded this prominent honor, Cast Members only become eligible for this program by a process of peer nomination and vetting through multiple nomination review committees.

To receive this award, Mr. Logan has demonstrated the character qualities of dreaming, creating and inspiring through his actions in

support of the Walt Disney Company's business objectives and goals. His unselfish commitment of his time and active focus on improving the Disney experience for millions of guests is to be commended. Mr. Logan constantly goes above and beyond to make certain each guest, many of whom are children, receive an experience from the Walt Disney Company that is a magical celebration and memory.

His accomplishments do not end with the Walt Disney Legacy Award. He has also been the lead point of contact in Walt Disney Company events and community service outreach in the State of Florida and various states around the country.

On behalf of the citizens of Central Florida, I am pleased to recognize and applaud Mr. Patrick Logan for his hard work, dedication and leadership. He is most deserving of the Walt Disney Legacy Award. May his character and passion inspire others to follow in his footsteps.

EDITE MALOKU

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 20, 2013*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Edite Maloku for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Edite Maloku is a 12th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Edite Maloku is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Edite Maloku for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

## INTRODUCTION OF THE SOUND SCIENCE ACT OF 2013

**HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 20, 2013*

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss my bill, the Sound Science Act of 2013, which directs the Office of Science and Technology Policies (OSTP) to require each agency to develop guidelines to maximize the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of scientific information used by federal agencies.

My legislation requires appropriate peer review, the disclosure of scientific studies used in making decisions, and an opportunity for stakeholder input. It also requires federal agencies to give greatest weight to information based on reproducible data that is developed in accordance with the scientific method. Further, it deems agency actions that do not fol-

low such procedures to be arbitrary and subject to challenge by affected stakeholders.

Mr. Speaker, many of the regulations developed by the federal agencies are well intentioned, yet recently there have been reports that federal agencies, such as the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), may be moving well beyond hard-science in the rule making process, which would have significant negative impacts on a wide range of industries. For example, some outside interest groups are pressuring the FDA to take action against antimicrobial soaps, asserting that antimicrobial soaps are no more effective than common soap, even though antimicrobial soap has been mandated in hospitals and doctors' offices for decades. Additionally, chicken and pork farmers are concerned that the FDA's decision to review long-standing industry practices in the area of antibiotics without a sound scientific basis will adversely affect animal welfare and will have a negative impact on food safety.

Simply put, the rules and regulations promulgated by federal agencies affect both businesses and the consumer. Bottom line, the U.S. economy is in a fragile state, any hurdle, fee, or foreign advantage, will cost the U.S. economy valuable jobs. Higher costs to comply with regulations undermine businesses ability to compete globally, while causing consumers to pay more for products.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues in the House (and Senate) to support me in passing the Sound Science Act of 2013 in order to ensure the scientific integrity of federal agencies.

## COMMEMORATING THE 192ND ANNIVERSARY OF GREEK INDEPENDENCE

**HON. RUSH HOLT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 20, 2013*

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, today we mark the 192nd anniversary of Greece declaring its independence from the Ottoman Empire. After eight years, Greece was free again for the first time in nearly five centuries. As a former colonial people, we Americans instinctively have a sense of affinity for other peoples seeking to throw off the shackles of foreign rule. In the case of Greece, that feeling is particularly powerful because our very conceptions of democracy, self-government and citizen participation in the life of the nation come directly from ancient Greece.

Today, the people of Greece are struggling with new and serious challenges, especially deep-seated economic problems that have not only rocked the economic foundations of the nation but have put Greek democracy itself at risk. The rise of the “Golden Dawn” movement is a reminder that anti-democratic forces in a society can emerge with frightening speed. I am encouraged that the overwhelming majority of Greeks have rejected the fascist and racist ideology of “Golden Dawn”, and America should continue to do all it can to help our Greek ally achieve a full and enduring economic recovery. The bonds of friendship between America and Greece are strong in no small part because of our common commitment to a core value of Western civilization: democracy. On this 192nd anniversary of the rebirth of Greek democracy, I wish

the people of Greece and all Greek-Americans a happy independence day.

CONGRATULATING THE INDIANA  
WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY WILDCATS  
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL  
TEAM

**HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 20, 2013*

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to congratulate the Indiana Wesleyan University Women's Basketball team for winning the NAIA Division II National Women's Basketball Championship. The IWU Wildcats from Marion, Indiana defeated the Davenport University Panthers, winning their second national title in seven years.

The Wildcats played in the spotlight of the NAIA throughout this phenomenal season, which ended with a winning record of 35–3. Since the 1999–2000 season, Coach Steve Brooks has demonstrated outstanding leadership while serving as the head basketball coach. Last year, his leadership both on and off the court was publicly recognized when he was selected as the RUSSELL ATHLETIC/WBCA NAIA National Coach of the Year, and this year he was honored as the NAIA Phyllis Holmes Coach of the Year, an honor he also received in 2007. As the daughter of a high school football coach, I understand the time commitment and personal sacrifices required to lead young athletes to victory, and applaud Coach Brooks' leadership.

In recognition of their achievements, one of the Wildcats was named to the NAIA All-American First Team, while another teammate was chosen as a NAIA All-American Honorable Mention. This outstanding accomplishment is a reflection of the quality and character of IWU's players as well as their exceptional athletic talent. The coaches and players of the IWU team exemplify the highest virtues of the community: teamwork, loyalty, sportsmanship, and dedication.

Once again, congratulations Wildcats, we are very proud of you. We look forward to cheering you on through another great season next year.

EDWIN SAENZ

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 20, 2013*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Edwin Saenz for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Edwin Saenz is an 11th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Edwin Saenz is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Edwin Saenz for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ADAM SMITH**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 20, 2013*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, March 14 and Friday, March 15, 2013, I was unable to be present for recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted: "no" on rollcall vote No. 70 (on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 113); "no" on rollcall vote No. 71 (on agreeing to the resolution H. Res. 113); "yes" on rollcall vote No. 72 (on approving the journal); "yes" on rollcall vote No. 73 (on agreeing to the Tierney substitute amendment to H.R. 803); "yes" on rollcall vote No. 74 (on the motion to recommit H.R. 803 with instructions); and "no" on rollcall vote No. 75 (on passage of H.R. 803).

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 20, 2013*

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Mr. Speaker, the Majority Whip Office asked Representative MICHELE BACHMANN to work on a project during the RSC budget vote. We assured her that we would inform her prior to our closing the vote. We did not, and for that we take responsibility and apologize both to her and her constituents.

Representative BACHMANN would have voted in the affirmative for the Republican Study Committee substitute to H. Con. Res. 25.

CONGRATULATING MEDSTAR ST.  
MARY'S HOSPITAL IN  
LEONARDTOWN, MARYLAND, AS  
A TOP-100 HOSPITAL

**HON. STENY H. HOYER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 20, 2013*

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate MedStar St. Mary's Hospital in Leonardtown, Maryland, for being named one of the Nation's 100 Top Hospitals by Truven Health Analytics.

This honor comes as St. Mary's concludes celebrations marking its centennial year, having been established in 1912 to provide quality medical care to families in rural St. Mary's County. Over the years, as the County's communities have grown, so too have its medical needs, and St. Mary's Hospital has become a full-service hospital with ninety-five beds and state-of-the-art facilities.

St. Mary's Hospital provides surrounding communities with inpatient, outpatient, and emergency services with a reputation for com-

passionate care and excellence in performance. It's no wonder to those of us familiar with St. Mary's Hospital that it has achieved the distinction this year as one of the hundred best hospitals in America.

Last August, St. Mary's Hospital received an \$84,335 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Rural Health Network Development Planning Grant Program. This grant is supporting the development of a Community Health Center Planning Network to meet the needs of underserved areas in rural St. Mary's County. Improving access to affordable care for those living in Maryland's Fifth District remains one of my highest priorities. I was proud to have helped St. Mary's Hospital secure the grant, and I look forward to continuing to work with its administrators and staff to ensure it has the resources it needs to fulfill its mission of providing quality care in our communities.

I join in thanking all the doctors, nurses, administrators, support staff, and emergency responders who have made St. Mary's Hospital the success it is today. After a century of service to Southern Maryland, St. Mary's is surely headed for many more years of excellence.

IN HONOR OF HOWARD CORO

**HON. JOE COURTNEY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 20, 2013*

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Howard Coro. Howard joined the North Thompsonville Fire Department on August 30, 1972. Rising through the ranks to Lieutenant and then to Captain in 1994, Howard retired from his post in July of 2012 after forty years of service to the people of Enfield, Connecticut.

Early in his career Howard distinguished himself from his peers and earned the North Thompsonville Firefighter of the Year Award in 1975. He went on to assist in the training of hundreds of new firefighters across the region and was involved with a variety of local committees within the fire department. Howard was instrumental in overseeing the renovation and addition to the current North Thompsonville fire station.

Throughout his decades of service, Howard responded to countless emergency calls. Whether he was responding to a fire, a hazmat incident, or an automobile accident, Howard was someone Enfield residents could count on to help during their most urgent times of need. This compassion and dedication to the people of Enfield truly set him apart.

We owe great deal of gratitude to the first responders who risk their lives every day to protect their communities. I ask my colleagues to join with me in applauding Howard Coro's courage and service.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference.



This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, March 21, 2013 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's record.

#### MEETINGS SCHEDULED

##### APRIL 9

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Forces Korea in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Ernest J. Moniz, of Massachusetts, to be Secretary of Energy.

SD-366

##### APRIL 11

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SD-G50

##### APRIL 16

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the situation in Afghanistan.

SH-216

##### APRIL 17

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the Department of the Air Force in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.

SH-216

##### APRIL 18

10 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the current and future worldwide threats to the national security of the United States; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.

SD-106

##### APRIL 23

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the Department of the Army in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SD-106

##### APRIL 25

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the Department of the Navy in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.

SD-106

##### MAY 8

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Airland

To hold hearings to examine Army modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-222